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Big Five Army Chiefs TO DISCUSS NEW PEACE ARMY

LONDON, DEC. 30. DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS EXPECT THE U.S. CHIEF OF STAFF, GEN. DWIGHT EISENHOWER, TO FLY TO LONDON NEXT MONTH FOR A POSSIBLE MEETING OF THE FIVE POWER MILITARY LEADERS TO DISCUSS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERNATIONAL PEACE PRESERVATION FORCE, UNDER THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION.

IT WAS GENERALLY ASSUMED IN AUTHORITY QUARTERS THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE HELD AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT AFTER THE WORLD PEACE AGENCY'S SECURITY COUNCIL HAS BEEN CONSTITUTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

PROMETHEUS HITS MINE: BADLY HOLED

The U.S.S. Prometheus, which left Hong Kong on her way to the United States about December 11, has been seriously damaged by a mine.

Exact information is still not available, but she ran into a mine some fifty miles off the mouth of the Yangtze on December 27, and the explosion ripped a big hole in the fore-part of the vessel.

Radio messages picked up from the Prometheus shortly after 2 p.m. on December 27 indicated that the damage was serious, but a further message later in the afternoon announced that she was endeavouring to proceed to Shanghai under her own power, at half speed.

It was learned last evening from the American Naval authorities in Hong Kong that no casualties occurred as a result of the explosion, and that a British destroyer and two tugs were standing by at last news. In two later reports, first, she was reported to be sinking in water, and second, to be in a sinking condition.

She left Hong Kong flying the homeward-bound pennant, but her orders were later changed, and she was instructed to proceed to Shanghai.

She is a repair ship of the same type as U.S.S. Vestal, in Hong Kong at the moment. Her skipper is Commander H. B. Borden, U.S.N.R.

HIGHWAY ROBBERIES

While walking in Wongnei chung Road near the French Convent at about 8.30 p.m. last evening, Mr. Wong Chak-ming, was held up by two Chinese, one armed with a revolver, and robbed of a purse containing \$10 and some loose change.

The robbers were riding in a black saloon car, No. 197, in which they made their escape by driving towards the Jockey Club.

The car was later found by the Police in Ice House Street near Lower Albert Road, on the side of the road. The vehicle was slightly damaged.

No arrest has yet been made. Another report was made to the Police by Mrs. L. Wai-jan, of No. 19, Mosque Street. She was on her way home in a sedan chair at about 11.30 p.m. on Friday, when two men, one armed with a revolver, stopped her and on hearing a pedestrian coming towards them, they snatched her handbag and fled towards the Botanic Gardens.

THE WEATHER

To-day's forecast:—Mainly fair with cloudy patches at first and haze. East to south-east winds, average temperature. Outlook slowly becoming cloudy.

Yesterday's temperature:—Maximum—69 degrees at 1.30 p.m. Minimum—45 degrees at 6.30 a.m.

BANANAS GET CIVIC WELCOME

Bristol, Dec. 30. The first boatload of bananas to reach Britain in five years was expected today, and a reception was arranged with all the pomp accorded a celebrity. Lord Mayor James Owen of Bristol was scheduled to welcome the 90,000 stems of green fruit from Jamaica.

When ripened, the bananas will sell for about 22 cents a pound for children under 18 years of age. Associated Press.

R.A.F. MAN'S ADVENTURE WITH BULLET

LONDON, DEC. 30. A ROYAL AIR FORCE MAN WHO FOR SEVERAL MONTHS HAD A BULLET EMBEDDED IN HIS HEAD BEHIND THE LEFT EYE WITH THE TIP ALMOST TOUCHING HIS BRAIN, IS TODAY WALKING ABOUT FOLLOWING AN OPERATION AT THE LONDON HOSPITAL.

While on agricultural leave last July, the man was ploughing in a field on a Sussex farm. Canadian forces were engaged on battle practice in the next field and Spitfires were overhead using live ammunition.

Suddenly he was hurled from his tractor seat and found blood trickling from his ear.

An X-ray photo revealed that lying behind his left ear was a bullet which must have entered his left ear-hole and travelled through several important structures to reach the spot where it was located.

Careful X-ray photographs were taken again and a considered plan of operation was formulated.—Reuter.

COAL MINE DISASTER

Pineville, Kentucky, Dec. 30. Rescue workers last night found four more bodies entombed in the coal mine, raising to six the number of known dead in the disaster which occurred here by an underground explosion last Wednesday. Associated Press.

EIGHT MINERS RESCUED Pineville, Kentucky, Dec. 30. Eight miners who had been trapped since Wednesday by an underground explosion were today carried out alive and the ninth died before his removal from the tunnel. Associated Press.

It is estimated that altogether 22 men were working in the mine when the explosion occurred.—Associated Press.

Americans In Dutch In Korea

SEOUL, KOREA, DEC. 10. MASS WORK STOPPAGES AND SPORADIC STREET BRAWLS, AND THE THROWING OF ROCKS AT AMERICAN TROOPS MARKED THE REACTION OF THE INDEPENDENCE CRAVING KOREANS AS THE DECISIONS OF THE MOSCOW CONFERENCE BECAME KNOWN HERE TODAY.

The outbreaks appeared to be a combination of resentment over the Moscow announcement of a Commission's possible trusteeship of Korea and re-arrangement of internal struggle between the rightists and leftists.

An eight o'clock curfew has been imposed on the Americans to-night in an effort to prevent possible incidents but more serious trouble appeared possible.

Late to-day Lieut-General John R. Hodge, commander of the American forces in the southern half of Korea, emphasized repeatedly in an interview with native newsmen that the Moscow pronouncement did not mean immediate trusteeship for Korea—the term—trusteeship being a hated word here.

The General's explanation unfortunately came too late as fear of the five-year trusteeship is already widespread. General Hodge did not receive the text until to-day.

GENERAL SET-DOWN By noon Koreans were walking off their jobs in droves. Hundreds silently left the Military Government Palace. The police left their

MOSLEY STICKS HIS NECK OUT

LONDON, DEC. 30. THE RE-EMERGENCE OF SIR OSWALD MOSLEY'S BRITISH UNION OF FASCISTS IS CAUSING CONSTERNATION IN BRITAIN. THE W.A.R.'S DISCREDITING OF FASCISM AS A MODE OF GOVERNMENT HAS NOT SUBDUED THE FERVENCY OF BRITISH FASCISTS, WHO ARE BRINGING OUT THE SAME OLD ANTI-SEMITIC AND ANTI-DEMOCRATIC CLICHES. RECENT QUESTIONS IN THE COMMONS HAVE SHOWN THAT A LARGE SECTION OF THE BRITISH PUBLIC IS IN FAVOUR OF INTRODUCING LEGISLATION PROHIBITING FASCIST PARTIES AND CONVICTING THEIR MEMBERS, BUT THE ASTORS' NEWSPAPER OBSERVER TODAY DECLARES SUCH A MOVE DANGEROUS TO DEMOCRACY. AS "SUPPRESSION OF THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH IS A GREATER MENACE THAN FASCISM."

The newspaper claims that the most healthy antidote is to create a healthy democracy "so rich in social achievement" that unscrupulous factions, whose breeding ground is an unordered and economically unsound society, cannot exist.

The Co-operative Party's Reynolds News agrees that Fascism is a menace to a healthy democracy, but offers as a means to eradicate the present movement candidate the present movement publication of the names of those British sympathizers listed in documents discovered in Germany and the evidence which led to the detention of British Fascists.

CALL FOR ACTION "The government can make the advocacy of race hatred a crime, can ban an organization which promotes anti-Semitism and anti-Negroism," the newspaper added.

The police should be "galvanized into action" to discover those who defaced the Lenin memorial in a London square (often a target for defacement during pre-war Mosley shenanigans), and who started the recent wave of window smashing and slashing of Jews with stones.

"The way to condemn Fascism is to expose it," the newspaper continued. "The surgeon does not ignore the first signs of cancer because of the smallness of the symptoms. Racism is the cancer of civilization which must be burnt out wherever it shows its head." Associated Press.

FAMILIES TO COME OUT Shanghai, Dec. 30. Lieut.-Gen. Albert Wedemeyer expressed the hope to-day that wives and families of American servicemen could join them in China by next spring.—Associated Press.

COLLEGE PROFESSORS TURN RICKSHA COOLIES

PEIPING, DEC. 30. DR. T. V. SOONG, PRESIDENT OF THE EXECUTIVE YUAN, AND THIRTY HIGH OFFICIALS IN THIS AREA, TODAY DISCUSSED METHODS OF EXTRICATING NORTH CHINA FROM THE RUNAWAY INFLATION THAT HAS TURNED COLLEGE PROFESSORS INTO RICKSHA COOLIES AND DRIVEN MULTITUDES OF UNEMPLOYED TO DESPAIR.

Soong said the Government's most important 1946 task would be to "stabilize currency and prices and also to restore for-

sign, trade with a view to balancing the Government's income and expenditure." He added: "With this objective in view, active measures will be taken for improvement of national economy, finances, communications and the livelihood of the people."

Disposition of enemy and puppet property, he said, is an important matter still to be worked out. Another was the licensing of foreign business.

The rising cost of living undoubtedly has been the outstanding hardship of North China's millions. Although prices fell immediately after Japan's surrender, they began to climb again in October and now almost every daily necessity except rice costs more than at any time during the occupation.

MARKET MANIPULATIONS Manipulation of the money markets by money changers and speculators, some from Chungking, has further debased the buying power of the local money. When the exchange between the China National currency and the local puppet money was stabilized at five to one, speculators turned to the American dollar and its value now rises and falls as much as 30 per cent within a fortnight. Salaried classes, as usual, are the hardest hit by the inflation.

Former college professors are pulling rickshas. Their academic salaries are about 20,000 puppet dollars per month or about four dollars American, insufficient for the barest needs. Peiping alone has over 100,000 unemployed.—Associated Press.

HOME OF U.N.O.

London, Dec. 30. The Roosevelt ancestral home at Hyde Park, New York, or a site near Boston, appeared to-day to have the best chance of being selected as the permanent home of the United Nations Organisation.—Associated Press.

SWIFT COUP IN BATAVIA: NEW POLICE

BATAVIA, DEC. 30. BRITISH TROOPS YESTERDAY IN A SERIES OF SWIFT AND SYNCHRONISED RAIDS ROUNDED UP AND DISARMED ALL INDONESIAN POLICE IN BATAVIA AND INFORMED THE AUTHORITIES THAT THE STEP WAS TAKEN BECAUSE THE POLICE HAD ACTIVELY COOPERATED WITH "LAWLESS ELEMENTS."

A new police force, wearing khaki shirts and trousers, a side cap and a black arm-band, with the white letters "C.P." meaning civilian police, is commanded by Lieut-Colonel Harding, deputy Provost Marshal of the Australian forces in the Netherlands East Indies.

The British authorities said that officials of the unrecognised "Indonesian Republic" but there was no official Indonesian opposition either to the disbanding of the police or to the occupation of the public utility plants.

The railway is now the only utility concern not under Allied supervision.

The British authorities reported that Batavia is relatively quiet. There was some opposition in the search for illegal arms at Semarang and sniper fire at Blitenzow where a sniper agent was captured.—Associated Press.

MacArthur Doesn't Think Much Of It

TOKYO, DEC. 30. GENERAL MACARTHUR SAID IN A SPECIAL STATEMENT TO-NIGHT THAT HE DISAGREED TWO MONTHS AGO WITH PLANS FOR A NEW JAPAN CONTROL ORGANISATION AND SINCE THAT TIME "MY VIEWS HAVE NOT BEEN SOUGHT."

The General denied a statement issued in Washington by Thomas Blake, press officer for the Far Eastern commission, that MacArthur saw the new Japan control plan before it was approved by the foreign ministers in Moscow and did not object to it.

MacArthur's statement continued: "Any impression which the statement (Blake's) might imply that I was consulted during the Moscow conference is also incorrect."

"I have not one iota of responsibility for the decisions which were made there."

However, he added that whatever the merits or demerits of the plan "it is my firm intent within the authority entrusted to me, to try to make it work."

He said the issues involved are too vital for the future of the world to have them "bog down."

"With good-will on the part of those concerned, it is my fervent hope that there will be no insuperable obstacles," he said. "As I said before, it is my full purpose to see it through."

FINAL DISAGREEMENT MacArthur said that, on October 31, his "final disagreement" was radiated to the Chief of Staff in Washington for the Secretary of State, advising that the terms of the plan "in my opinion are not acceptable."

Although nowhere in MacArthur's statement was there any reference to the specific provisions of the new formula, it is believed the supreme commander's disagreement arose primarily from the power given to other Allied nations sharing in the occupation of Japan.

Under the Moscow plan, MacArthur is the American member of the Allied council, with Russia, China and Great Britain represented and actions are to be carried out under and through the supreme commander, who is the sole executive authority. Any member may veto any decision affecting fundamental changes in Japan's constitutional structure or government as a whole.

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Amour-Propre

The official suggestion that a waistline measuring exactly forty-two inches must classify a man as portly is a vicious insult very hard to bear; and for the correspondent who actually suffered this indignity in an Army clothing store sympathy will be widespread. Every one knows to his chagrin how slipshod in choice of epithet are officials whose invidious task it is to describe fellow-countrymen to their faces. A complexion which might without offence be called "fresh" is only "too likely to appear on a passport as 'florid,'" and hair allowedly "grey" comes out devastatingly as "white." There is no limit to the power of the official pen to wound tender secret susceptibilities, and as a rule we can only nurse our grievances in silence as must a woman who, having been told often that her eyes are of a wonderful lapis lazuli, reads that for official purposes they are merely blue. But it will be generally agreed that the official pen should not be allowed without protest to strike at the waistline. It is like the chalk mark between teams engaged in a relentless tug-of-war. Youth is bearing the increasing strain as best it may, striving to keep hope alive, and it is horribly discouraging to find a mark as been fairly crossed that to impartial eyes the game is already up. A man assailed unexpectedly by the word "portly" might well turn in despair to the pleasures of the beer bottle, and menageries as those pleasures now happen to be, shortly hear himself with out a blush called fat. But wise men will not let these insults move them to extremes of indignation. It cannot be gained that age sometimes fights with euphemism against the humiliating experience which is its natural lot, and the euphemism is sadly apt to break in the hand. Mr. Pycraft was the fattest clubman in London. Yet he would persist in complaining of his "weight," and when his weight was miraculously taken from him he floated upwards, and remained a billowing mass of nothingness for so long that he was reduced to mulling a Turkey carpet to the ceiling. The blessing of beauty as inferior only to the blessing of baronetcy, both of which gifts were happily united in himself, was a poor creature, after all, and his horror of Admiral Baldwin's complexion, which the weather had beaten to the colour of mahogany, only made him ridiculous. Yet if we can bring ourselves to care little about our own faces and figures, it would be inconsiderate to assume that other people have attained to the same high indifference; and a State with bureaucratic tendencies will do well to exact a high standard of delicacy from officials who are privileged to tell us what we look like. We do not expect them to buoy us up with fantastically false hopes. But if they feel they must reject "thick-set" or "something hinting at portliness," there is always "stately," which would make the blow easier to bear.

CHINESE OFFICIAL VISITS C-IN-C

Mr. T. W. Kwok, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs for Kwangtung and Kwangsi, paid an official call on His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief, Rear-Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, on Saturday. The Commissioner arrived some ten days ago to set up an office in the Colony, with a view to establishing closer contact with local Chinese as well as to render such assistance as may be needed by Chinese residing through Hong Kong on their way to, or returning from, places abroad. The office of the Commissioner is in the Hong Kong Bank Building.

China Peace Or War Still In Doubt

Communists Allege Heavy Fighting

CHUNGKING, DEC. 30. COMMUNIST DISPATCHES TO-DAY ALLEGED THAT THE NATIONALISTS BEGAN A LARGE-SCALE OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS IN EASTERN JEHOL AND WESTERN LIAONING AND PUT THE FINISHING TOUCHES TO PREPARATIONS FOR A DRIVE AGAINST KALGAN, CAPITAL OF CHAHAR PROVINCE AND CHENTEH, CAPITAL OF JEHOL PROVINCE. The dispatches added that the Nationalists are continuing their attacks against Communist positions in northern Honan both east and west of the Peiping-Hankow railroad. It asserted that Nationalist reinforcements are swarming into the railroad basin of Anyang, in northern Honan, to support their drives. The Communists said the Nationalists in their drives in western Liaoning are employing forces transported to the Manchurian seaport of Huliao by the U.S. 7th Fleet. The Communists said their forces on Christmas Day captured Shimon and Kaoyu, both on the Grand Canal north-east of Nanking, killing a "great number of Japanese and puppet troops and seizing a large quantity of war material." The Communists said they took the towns to prevent the Japanese and puppet troops attacking them, but the Nationalists said the Communists might be planning to interrupt communications in the Yangtze between Nanking and Shanghai. Associated Press.

225,000 TROOPS. A Communist spokesman charged to-day that 225,000 Government troops are engaged in a drive aimed at conquest of Communist dominated Chahar province. He said they were sweeping along the Peiping-Jehol railroad, with Chengchow as their principal objective. The spokesman said the Government troops are thrusting two main prongs in their drive—one along the Peiping-Jehol railroad and the second westward from points on the Peiping-Mukden railroad in the Manchurian province of Liaoning.

He described the force in the first prong as 75,000 and in the second 150,000. He said the Communists are putting up practically no resistance, but are prepared for a stiff fight if forced to do so. He ridiculed a recent Government spokesman's assertion that the Communists had proposed a truce because they suffered severe defeat in Suiyuan and Shantung provinces and "realised their military weakness." The Communist official declared: "We are sure of our strength." The Communists also reported fighting along the Tientsin-Pukow railroad in Shantung province and said the Government had converted Tugshan (Sueow) into a base for coming large-scale offensive operations and had assembled 184,000 troops there, including the American-trained 73rd, 74th and 100th Armies. Associated Press.

Loss To Colony

Major H.P.G.A. Wilcox, Deputy Assistant Director of Public Relations, Hong Kong, left yesterday for Singapore en route for Batavia where he will take charge of Army Public Relations in the Netherlands East Indies. He has been in charge of Army Public Relations in the Colony for the past two months. Major Wilcox, a peace-time author under another name, served as an ack-ack gunner in the Battle of Britain and was Observer to the Guards in the Western Front campaign. He was on duty in Potsdam for the Three-Power Conference.

BREATHING IS FREE

The fixing of official rates of charges for hotels and boarding-houses in Canton has had the effect of producing a formidable list of extras, so that virtually nothing is included as part of the service to which patrons are entitled on paying the official rate. A separate charge is made for bedding. A hot bath costs CN\$200. If the bath is switched on at night the cost is CN\$100. Tea, formerly given free is now charged for. And the latest extra is a charge for the use of the flush-water closet.

The concert party of H.M.S. Argonaut are giving a variety show at the Fleet Club this evening, commencing at 7.30 p.m. It is expected that the Commander-in-Chief, British Pacific Fleet, Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, will be present. Proceeds are in aid of Fleet Club funds.

CHINA FACES THE NEW YEAR WITH AN UNGER- TAINTY WHETHER IT WILL BRING PEACE AND UNITY OR AN OUTBREAK OF AN ALL-OUT CIVIL WAR.

Although confirmed pessimists take the view that nothing will come out of the forthcoming inter-party and non-partisan conference which will try to settle, once and for all, the outstanding issues between Government and Communists, an atmosphere of hope prevails in Chungking. The presence of General George C. Marshall, who to-day began his second week here, has boosted the confidence of the optimists who believe that both sides will now go farther in concessions than they have ever done before.

People of all shades of political opinion who have talked with Gen. Marshall have left with the impression that he is much more familiar with the background of to-day's problems than he admits. Reports are current that Gen. Marshall will, possibly some time next week, visit Peiping and Tientsin, for a close-up view of the situation in North China. He knows both places well, having been commander of United States troops in Tientsin from 1924 to 1927. During those years he met many Chinese notables ranging from Henry Pu-yi, who later became the Puppet Emperor of the now defunct Manchukou, to the "Young Marshal," Chang Hsueh-shang, who was to lose the overlordship of Manchuria.

GEN. MARSHALL'S STATUS. Marshall's home in Chungking is certainly one of the busiest spots in the city. Although he has offices at the United States Embassy, he receives many of his callers at home and does much of his work there. There is much speculation here whether a successor to the former Ambassador, Patrick J. Hurley, will be appointed during Marshall's stay in China. Since Hurley's departure, the post of United States Ambassador to China has been vacant.

Reports that Marshall will succeed Hurley are incorrect because the former Chief of Staff came to China as President Truman's special envoy with the rank of Ambassador—not as Ambassador to China. This explanation is necessary because of the recurrent references to Marshall in newspapers published in China and abroad as Ambassador to China. Associated Press.

RIZAL DAY FESTIVITIES

The Filipino Community celebrated "Rizal Day" yesterday with a luncheon and tea dance at the Plaza Ballroom. There were about seventy persons present, including a fair number of ladies, and the function was presided over by Mr. V. Espina.

The following members of the committee were present: Messrs. V. Espina, S. Falter, L. Merced, L. Crumell, N. San Pedro, F. Gonzalez, B. de Rama, A. Hidalgo and A. Vale Cruz.

In his speech Mr. Espina said: "From time immemorial we have struggled for our freedom. Centuries ago, Magellan was killed in combat as our protest against foreign domination. From that time onward, our martyrs have been sacrificed on the altar of democracy. The greatest of them all was Rizal, whose anniversary we celebrate to-day. He died but he will continue to live forever in the hearts of his countrymen."

"Rizal was the flower of the Filipino race. As that flower faded away, the seeds were buried in our soil to bloom and thrive in glory once again. As Rizal died, so a nation was born. Under the guidance of America, that nation became the Jewel of the Pacific with her happy sons and daughters working in harmony to attain the ideal for which Rizal and other Filipino martyrs have died."

"Just as we were about to free, the Pacific war broke out and the catastrophe became the test of our loyalty to America. This world knows what we have accomplished in Bataan and Leyte. The world knows that our faith in American democracy was not conquered and never will be conquered even with the test of time. And in that faith, my countrymen, we will rebuild the nation, although shattered and shattered, so that one day a new nation will emerge triumphant out of the dust of desolation to proclaim her freedom to the world."

SIR KEITH AND LADY PARK ARRIVE

Air Marshal Sir Keith Park, Allied Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, South East Asia, accompanied by Lady Park, arrived in the Colony yesterday. They were met at Kai Tak by the A.O.C., Air Commodore W. A. D. Brook, Group Captain E. J. Cornaby and Group Captain G. K. Hornby. A guard of honour was provided by 2708 Squadron R.A.F. provided under Flying Officer D. A. Breese.

Xmas Treat For Kowloon Children

One hundred and fifty children from the poorest families of Kowloon gathered at All Saints Church, Homantin, yesterday afternoon to attend a Christmas party given by local residents. By four o'clock the Church compound was packed with the youngsters and sports and games were provided. At five, they were formed into line and escorted to the Kain Tong Restaurant Mongkok, for their dinner. Before this was served, prizes won at the sports in the earlier afternoon were presented by Mrs. de Martin. Gifts, consisting of soap, towel, tooth-brush, biscuits, dried food, sweets and fruit, were distributed to the children by willing helpers. A substantial meal was then served and the party ended at 6.30 p.m. when the children marched out of the restaurant with smiles on their faces and hugging their precious gifts.

The organisers wish to tender their thanks to all those who had subscribed to make this party a success. These include the RAPWI and the British Red Cross. Thanks are also due to those who helped with the afternoon's entertainment, including the Rev. Mr. Sang of All Saints Church, the Rev. Mr. Wong P. Lam, the Rev. Mr. Li Kau Yan, Dr. Tsang, the Misses Irene, Doris and Phillip Tsang, the Misses Esther and Doris Chan, and many others.

Miss Yeung Ying-lam, a widow, of No. 300, Shanghai Street, was admitted to Kwong Wah Hospital at about 3.30 p.m. yesterday, suffering from lym poisoning. She died half an hour after admission. She was found lying in her room by her servant. According to a relative, one of Miss Yeung's closest friends, took her life with lysol a few weeks ago.

One Of Navy's Floating Shops Here

IN HONG KONG ON HER FIRST CALL HERE IS THE V.S.L.S. "FORT WRANGELL" FROM SYDNEY AND MANUS EN ROUTE TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN. AS A MEMBER OF THE FLEET TRAIN, THE "FORT WRANGELL" MAY BE DESCRIBED AS A FLOATING SHOP. ONE OF THE EIGHT SHIPS OF A SIMILAR TYPE, SHE IS ONE OF SIXTEEN VICTUALLING STORES ISSUE SHIPS OPERATING IN THE INDIAN OCEAN SINCE MID-1944 AND SUPPLYING THE PACIFIC FLEET THROUGHOUT THE OPERATIONS.

When peace was signed, the "Fort Wrangell" was the first supply vessel in Tokyo Bay and replenished all the ships there with stores, including the escort carriers "Ruler" and "Speaker" which she specially equipped with bedding, cigarettes, tobacco, food and clothing so that they could immediately embark released prisoners of war for Australia.

The "Fort Wrangell" has "delivery vans." These are small motor craft carried on her upper deck which can take ten tons of cargo.

Orders from ships, however, are usually supplied by sliding them across a wire rope (jack-stay). The record for a single jack-stay is nine tons, supplied to the "Newfoundland" in one hour, while at the same time another jack-stay was working on the other side of the ship at the rate of five tons an hour.

At Sydney, the "Fort Wrangell" performed the unique feat of signing on a ship's doctor who is feminine, believed to be the only one in the British Fleet. Dr. Hotchkisson, who is an Australian, is described as efficient and meticulous on the point of hygiene. Approached by our reporter for more information on herself, she said that, now that she had been found there was no escaping the fact being reported, but she was personally publicity shy.

FULLY-EQUIPPED HOSPITAL

The "Fort Wrangell" carries a fully-equipped hospital, and in Fleet Train operations she carries additional X-ray equipment and clinical gear in order to supply any ship which might have had its own damaged in action. Frozen blood, plasma, and penicillin were also available.

The ship carries a Merchant Navy Captain, Capt. A. Stanley, and a crew of about 150. In the good old days, she had a whole deck devoted to rum in order to keep the Fleet supplied. She carries personnel with duties out of the ordinary line and as many as eight engineers. Three are required on the telegraphing system. While employed as one of the

Triple Murder Near Taipo

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Many Picked Up Dead In Canton

The death rate among Canton's destitute is increasing, according to a report of the Municipal Emergency Relief Council, which states that in the period Sept. 22 to Dec. 20, 1,970 corpses have been picked up in the streets and buried by the Council. The number picked up during the first 20 days in December was 519, or an average of 20 a day. Thirty per cent. were children from one to two years old. Of the mortality "among adults, 25 per cent. are persons of middle age, and the cause of death in starvation or illness due to malnutrition.

The report reflects the extent of distress among the city's poor, and a call has been made on charitable organizations to organize greater relief.

Dies Of Lysol Poisoning

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U.S. Compromise On Handling Japan

(By James Marlow).

WASHINGTON, DEC. 30. THE UNITED STATES HAS COMPROMISED ON HANDLING JAPAN. SHE YIELDED SOMETHING AND YET SAVED SOMETHING FOR HERSELF. WHEN JAPAN COLLAPSED GENERAL MACARTHUR MOVED IN WITH THE AMERICAN TROOPS. ON MILITARY MATTERS LIKE DISARMING THE JAPANESE HE MADE DECISIONS. ON POLITICAL MATTERS LIKE RE-EDUCATING THE JAPANESE HE TOOK ORDERS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

So on military matters he was independent. On political matters the State Department was boss. The American Government took orders from no one. The United States Government laid down general surrender policy for Japan. It aimed at making the Japanese democratic. For instance, it established freedom of speech, press and religion.

The Allies were supposed to have something to say about Japan so Washington proposed the Far Eastern Advisory Commission—composed of the United States, Britain, China and Russia—which could make recommendations on the running of the country. Smaller nations would be on it too. Since the Commission lacked authority some entries, particularly Russia, refused to participate. Russia wanted a four-power control council—United States, Britain, China and Russia—to be set up in Tokyo like the four-power control council in Berlin.

MOSCOW COMPROMISE. America disagreed because the Berlin four-power council must have unanimous agreement before action can be taken. One negative vote vetoes the action. So, without Russian co-operation an Advisory Commission has been set up. It's been rocking along like a straw man without authority. Finally Byrnes went to Moscow to confer with Foreign Ministers Bevin and Molotov.

In Moscow Byrnes compromised. The three men agreed to set up the Far Eastern Commission—to replace the Advisory Commission—to lay down the policy for Japan. The United States, Britain, Russia, China and smaller nations will be on the Commission.

If any one of these big four powers vetoes an action, no action can be taken. So if any other big power wants to change anything General MacArthur has done so far the United States can block the move by voting "No".

Byrnes obtained a further hedge. In an emergency too fast for the Commission to meet and vote, the State Department can tell General MacArthur what to do. Later if

the big powers on the Commission want to make any change the United States can block them again with a "No". AN IMPORTANT "BUT"—But—it is a very important "but"—Washington cannot alone tell MacArthur what to do on the following fundamentals: Constitution—like abolishing the Emperor system; In a regime of control—like replacing MacArthur; or change in the Japanese Government.

In those three cases the United States would have to let the Commission decide. If the United States did not like what the Commission proposed she could always block it with a "No" vote. But so could any other of the four big nations. So any fundamental changes in the future policy on Japan will depend upon co-operation of the big four nations.

Meanwhile the Allied Control Council composed of the United States, Britain, Russia and China will be set up in Tokyo. This is what Russia wanted from the start. MacArthur will consult with it before making decisions. But since the Council will deal with problems of less importance than the three fundamental ones mentioned above, MacArthur is free to listen to the Council and then do as he pleases.—Associated Press.

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Decoding Of Japanese Military Messages

Japs Hid Their Arms

TOKYO, DEC. 30. KYODO NEWS AGENCY DISCLOSED TODAY THAT THE POLICE ARE HOLDING NINE FORMER JAPANESE ARMY OFFICERS, INCLUDING TWO COLONELS, CHARGED WITH FAILURE TO SURRENDER ARMS AND OTHER WAR MATERIAL WHICH THEY HAD DISTRIBUTED AND HIDDEN IN CIVILIAN HOUSES.

The lot included 27 airplane cannons and 12,000 rounds of ammunition as well as radio sets and similar equipment, food and money.

The suspects are all staff officers of a division who were arrested by Allied request yesterday. Associated Press.

Helicopter Takes The Place Of Buses

KANSAS CITY, DEC. 30. SMALL TOWN CITIZENS, MANY OF WHOM HAVE NEVER BEEN SERVED BY MAJOR BUS OR AIR LINES, SOON WILL TAKE TO THE AIR IN HELICOPTERS TO BE TRANSPORTED TO LARGER CITIES TO MAKE TRAVEL CONNECTIONS.

NOW ENDING BEFORE THE CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD IN NEW ORLEANS IS A HELICOPTER SERVICE PROPOSED BY THE BURLINGTON TRANSPORTATION COMPANY TO ACT AS A FEEDER SERVICE TO ITS BUSES AND TRAINS. THE APPLICATION CALLS FOR A FLEET OF EIGHT-SEAT HELICOPTERS.

Wiping Out Jap Interests

Washington, Dec. 30. Alien property custodian James E. Markham today moved to seize all property in United States territories owned by Japanese nationals.

The properties concerned were frozen by the Treasury Department at the beginning of the war. Markham issued an order requiring reports on such properties and said they will be confiscated as soon as reports on them have been received.

He described the action as part of the U.S. Government's programme to wipe out Japanese interests in this country.

Reports on Japanese property in Hawaii and the Philippines will be made through the branch offices in those areas. Associated Press.

WOMEN'S PARTY

Tokyo, Dec. 30. The first Japanese Women's Political Party was today formally inaugurated under a group who announced plans for participating in the forthcoming elections.

Known as "New Japan's Women's Party," the organization will run several candidates including one of the organizers, Miss Katsumi Miyata, head of a Tokyo Medical Institute. The platform has not been announced. Associated Press.

Led To Two Decisive Battles

WASHINGTON, DEC. 30. PEARL HARBOR INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE RECORDS DISCLOSED FOR THE FIRST TIME THE CLOSELY GUARDED SECRET THAT IT WAS AMERICAN DECODING OF JAPANESE MILITARY MESSAGES WHICH ALL WED THE COMPARATIVELY SMALL REMAINING UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET TO BE CONCENTRATED TO SMASH POWERFUL JAPANESE TASK FORCES WITH AIR ATTACKS IN THE 1942 BATTLES OF THE CORAL SEA AND MIDWAY—TWO OF THE PACIFIC WAR'S DECISIVE ENGAGEMENTS.

THE DECODING ALSO ALLOWED AMERICAN SUBMARINES TO LIE IN WAIT ALONG THE KNOWN COURSE OF JAPANESE CONVOYS, CONTRIBUTING TO THE TREMENDOUS TOLL THE SUBS TOOK OF JAPANESE SHIPPING.

The disclosure came in the introduction of a "top secret" letter which Gen. George C. Marshall wrote to Governor Thomas Dewey of New York prior to the 1944 election campaign.

General Marshall appended to the Republican presidential nominee not to drag the Pearl Harbor disaster into the campaign in any way which might bring any suggestion to light on the fact the Japanese code had been broken.

The dramatic story of the code-breaking and the benefits accruing from it is told in the following portion of the text of Marshall's letter:

"The most vital evidence in the Pearl Harbor matter consists of our intercepts of the Japanese diplomatic communications. Over a period of years our cryptograph people analysed the character of the machine the Japanese are using for encoding their diplomatic messages."

OSIMA MESSAGES

"Based on this, a corresponding machine was built by us which deciphered their messages. Therefore, we possessed a wealth of information regarding their moves in the Pacific, but which unfortunately made no reference whatever to intentions toward Hawaii until the last message before Dec. 7, which did not reach our hands until the following day."

"Now the point to the present dilemma is that we have gone ahead with this business of deciphering their codes until we possess other codes, German as well as Japanese, but our main basis of information regarding Hitler's intentions in Europe is obtained from Baron Osima's messages from Berlin. These are still in the codes involved in the Pearl Harbor events."

"To explain further the critical nature of this set-up, which would be wiped out almost in an instant if the least suspicion were aroused of the Battle of the Coral Sea was based on deciphered messages and therefore our few ships were in the right place at the right time."

MIDWAY COUP

"Further, we were able to concentrate our limited forces to meet their advances on Midway, where otherwise we would almost certainly have been some 3,000 miles out of place. We had full information of the strength of their forces in that advance and also of the smaller force directed against the Aleutians."

"Operations in the Pacific are largely guided by the information we obtain of Japanese deployments."

"We know their strength in various garrisons, the railroads and other stores continuing available to them, and what is more important, we check their fleet movements and the movements of their convoys."

"The heavy losses reported from time to time which they sustain by reason of our submarine action, largely results from the fact that we know the sailing dates and the routes of their convoys and can notify our submarines to lie in wait at the proper point."

LISBON GAFFE

"The raids by Admiral Halsey's carrier forces on Japanese shipping in Manila Bay and elsewhere were largely based on timing on the known movements of Japanese convoys, two of which were caught as anticipated."

"As a further example of the delicacy of the situation, some of Donoyan's people, (the D.S.S.) without telling us, instituted a secret search of the Japanese embassy offices in Portugal."

"As a result the entire military attaché Japanese code all over the world was checked over a year ago. We have not yet been able to break the new code and have thus lost this invaluable source of information, particularly regarding the European situation."

Associated Press.

TRUMAN BROADCAST

Washington, Dec. 30. President Truman concluded his first and a small staff of aides shared a night to write a speech for broadcast on Thursday. Secretary of State Byrnes planned to join him tonight to report on the foreign ministers' conference at Moscow. Associated Press.

Naval Test Of Atom Bomb

WASHINGTON, DEC. 30. THE FORMING ARMY AND NAVY TEST OF THE ATOMIC BOMB AT SEA POSES A MILITARY-DIPLOMATIC QUESTION FOR THE UNITED STATES WHETHER FOREIGN OBSERVERS MAY ATTEND.

Co-sponsors of the bomb secret, United States, Britain and Canada apparently made no commitment at Moscow's Big-Three Foreign Ministers' Conference to share the secret with any other power at this time.

Whatever the decision on other observers it is assumed that Britain and Canada will be invited to the tests. Britain particularly will share this country's keen interest in the outcome.

Britain, like the United States, is a great naval power confronted with the problem of deciding now what chance the atom bomb will dictate on the Navy. Russia was never a top-ranking naval power and will not have the same high stakes. Whether Russian observers will see the tests the Soviet Government is already in a position to know the destruction wrought by the bombs on land structures and people.

Russian military missions were in Japan after the atom bomb attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Associated Press.

ONE UNLUCKY

Portland, Oregon, Dec. 30. Two thousand men who have been quarantined for smallpox aboard the troopship Grundy began disembarking yesterday in time for dinner ashore, but the smallpox victim was left behind. Excited passengers have been vaccinated and found immune. Associated Press.

Britain Has Enough Raw Materials

LONDON, DEC. 30. THE BOARD OF TRADE JOURNAL SAID TODAY THAT DESPITE CERTAIN WORLD SHORTAGES THERE WAS NO REASON FOR ANXIETY CONCERNING THE SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIALS FOR BRITAIN'S MANUFACTURERS.

"WITH THE NEGOTIATION OF CREDIT FROM AMERICA ASSUMING THIS IS APPROVED," SAID THE BOARD OF TRADE JOURNAL, "CURRENCY RESTRICTIONS SHOULD DECLINE IN IMPORTANCE ALTHOUGH THERE WILL CLEARLY BE TIME FOR CONTINUED ECONOMY IN THE IMPORT OF MATERIALS ESPECIALLY WHERE THESE ARE OF LITTLE AID TO OUR EXPORT INDUSTRIES."

In a survey of Britain's raw materials position, the Journal said:

"While there are responsible stocks of steel in the country, substantial imports of semi-finished steel are essential if our export trade is not to be starved."

Aluminium, copper and zinc supplies are "adequate" while Britain has plenty of cotton stocks and almost a super-abundance of wool, the Journal said, listing tin, lead and timber still restricted.

Commenting on the timber shortage the Journal declared:

"We used to import nearly 10,000,000 tons and it seems unlikely we will have achieved more than one-third of this quantity in 1945."

It may be many years "before we shall be able to obtain all the timber we require" the Journal warned. Associated Press.

NEW PACIFIC C-IN-C

Washington, Dec. 30. Admiral John H. Towers was today named Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet, succeeding Admiral Raymond A. Spruance, who has been ordered to duty as President of the Naval War College.

Admiral Richard S. Edwards has been assigned as Commander of the Western Sea Frontier. Admiral Arthur W. Radford was named Deputy-Chief of Naval Operations for Air. Associated Press.

TO QUIT CHURCHES

Chungking, Dec. 30. The Chinese press reported yesterday that Chiang Kai-shek, on Christmas Day sent instructions to all provincial governors ordering all "cooper" who quartered in churches to be moved out within a month. Associated Press.

6th Dec. 30

Foreign Minister Petko Stainov said Parliament on Saturday that the Bulgarian government "represents the interests of the Soviet Union for wider cooperation of parties in the government and will fulfil loyally" the decisions of the "big three" foreign ministers' conference. Associated Press.

Dead As A Doornail

Prague, Dec. 30. Karl Hermann Frank, the butcher of Lidice, who is awaiting trial as Czechoslovakia No. 1 war criminal said today he was convinced that Nazism was "dead forever."

He said the programme of the Sudetan German Party from 1933 had been "treason to the cause of Czechoslovakia" and a step in the Nazi programme to re-Germanise Bohemia. Associated Press.

Stripping Hirohito Of All Power

TOKYO, DEC. 30. PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL REVISIONS STRIPPING THE EMPEROR OF ALL POLITICAL POWER AND LIMITING HIS ACTIVITIES TO "CEREMONIAL FUNCTIONS OF STATE" WERE SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT TODAY BY A PRIVATE GROUP OF JAPANESE CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERTS.

The move followed by a few hours a statement by General MacArthur's press relations officer that the Emperor system "is being destroyed—wiped out of existence," and that it was up to the Japanese to found a democratic government.

The recommendations formulated by educators and publicists would transfer the imperial prerogatives to the Diet and specify that final responsibility for state administration rests with the Cabinet. Diet approval would be necessary for the Emperor's accession to the throne or appointment of a regency Emperor.

The Diet could be dissolved only by decision of a plebiscite. Members would be recommended by the speaker of the House and the President of the House of Peers. Associated Press.

U.N.O. SITE

London, Dec. 30. A spokesman for the United Nations Interim Committee today said that a group would choose the site for the U.N.O. in the general area of either Boston or New York City as its permanent home.

He said that a sub-committee yesterday of the United States on Jan. 5 to inspect possible sites and would visit at least 18 places. Associated Press.

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JEWEL COUP NIPPED IN BUD

SHANGHAI, DEC. 30. THE ARMY SAID TO-DAY THAT TWO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS PULLED FROM AN AIRLINER BEFORE ITS TAKE-OFF TO WASHINGTON WERE RELIEVED OF AT LEAST \$25,000 WORTH OF PEARLS WHICH THEY ASSERTED THEY HOPED TO SMUGGLE INTO THE UNITED STATES FOR A "QUICK KILL."

The case was turned over to the American Consul as a civilian matter. The men are reported to be attached to a Senate small business committee and arrived in Shanghai in mid-December—Associated Press.

FINDING NEW MARKETS

Washington, Dec. 30. Congressional help in finding foreign markets for American short staple cotton will be asked by Representative Wickersham, Democrat of Oklahoma, when the House reconvenes in January. "Ninety-eight per cent of all Oklahoma and Texas cotton was exported before the war and we have lost that foreign market," Wickersham told a reporter in preparing a House Committee to investigate the possibility of finding new markets abroad.

"We should go into all phases affecting export business, contacting allied countries in occupied countries and foreign diplomats to see if we can find a market for our short staple cotton," Associated Press.

CHECK-UP

Lincoln, Nebraska, Dec. 30. United States Attorney-General Tom Clark to-day said that Department of Justice investigators are being sent to the Philippines and Japan to check activities of collaborationists during the war—Associated Press.

Caution Keynote Of Bomb Talks

WASHINGTON, DEC. 30.—PRESIDENT TRUMAN WAS TO-DAY REPORTED TO BE SUPPORTING EVEN A MORE CAUTIOUS STEP BY STEP DISCLOSURE OF ATOMIC ENERGY SECRETS THAN THE FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF THE MOSCOW BIG-THREE COMMUNIQUE INDICATED. THIS INTERPRETATION OF PLANS TO FORM AN INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC CONTROL COMMISSION CAME FROM PERSONS WHO TALKED WITH TRUMAN AFTER HIS RETURN FROM HIS CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY IN MISSOURI. THEY DECLARED IT WAS TRUMAN'S VIEW THAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD ALWAYS BE SURE THERE WOULD BE NO MISUSE OF THE SMALL SECRET BEFORE DIVULGING THE MORE IMPORTANT ONE.

They said that conversations in the President's office and the State Department indicated that it will be the American policy to test out proposed inspection methods before telling any nation except Britain and Canada all that is known of the atomic bomb.

Senator Vandenberg, Chairman of the Republican Senatorial Conference, in a statement declared that he had been advised by the State Department that "full security requirements" will be met in the proposed International Commission's dealings with atomic energy.

Vandenberg, who is a member of the special Senate Committee on Atomic Development, is known to favour retention of the secret until it has been demonstrated that international controls will prevent its future military use workable. The Moscow Big Three communique laid down a four-point agenda for the proposed commission which would be set up by the United Nations Organisation and would be accountable to the World Security Council:

FULL SECURITY

- (1) Exchange of basic scientific information between nations.
- (2) Control of atomic energy to insure its use for peaceful purposes.
- (3) Elimination of atomic and

Chinese Army Movements

Shanghai, Dec. 30. Lieut.-Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, American Commander in China, told a press conference Saturday that plans are under consideration to move additional Chinese armies to Manchuria. He said that more American troops will be needed to accompany them, supervise debarkation, handle supply problems and give other aid.

He declared that this was in line with America's newly-broadened policy of aid to the National Government and it is one reason why United States personnel in China should be increased to 12,000 or 15,000 men although it would mean bringing an additional 8,000 or 4,000 from America of other military theatres.

He used the phrase "army personnel" and did not mention an estimated 50,000 United States marines now controlling several vital centres in North China. He said he thought additional Chinese forces should be transported to Manchuria to repatriate Japanese and secure rail and port facilities to make repatriation possible.—Associated Press.

Burma Governor's Decision

Rangoon, Dec. 30. Sir Reginald Dorman-Smith, Governor of Burma, has declined to accept responsibility for arranging passage facilities for the Anti-Fascist League delegation to visit Britain. Disclosing this to-day, Mr. Sung San, the League's President, said that the Governor had merely agreed to forward the League's letter to the British Government, expressing the desire for early elections and self-government for Burma.

Stressing the need for world publicity for the cause of Burma, Mr. Sung San said that they hoped to send a similar delegation to the United States and other Eastern countries.—Reuter.

WHEAT FOR EUROPE

Chicago, Dec. 30. Wheat exports from America were reported to total 7,171,000 bushels last week which was the largest week of this season despite the sizeable accumulation of grain stocks on seaboard awaiting shipping.

Approximately 60 ships, already loaded with grain and fuel for Europe, were reported to be tied up at East Coast ports because of manpower shortages and inability to put crews aboard.

Wheat exports during the last six months of 1945 totalled 175,000,000 bushels but doubts were expressed in grain circles here that the first six months of 1946 could even approach this figure. Although authorities for the export of 225,000,000 bushels have been granted—Associated Press.

other weapons capable of mass destruction.

(4) Erection of "effective safeguards by way of inspection and other means to protect complying States against violations and evasions."

Vandenberg said he was advised that the communique was not intended to mean that these objects are not to be taken in the order indicated but that the four points shall be read together and each should be accompanied by full security requirements—all being finally subject to Congressional approval. His view found general acceptance in Congress.—Associated Press.

Getting On With Big Three Decisions

MOSCOW, DEC. 30. STEPS ARE ALREADY UNDER WAY TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT REACHED AT THE CONFERENCE OF THE BIG-THREE FOREIGN MINISTERS. INFORMED QUARTERS REPORTED THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN 48 HOURS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE MEETING:—

- (1) Departure of the representatives of the United States, Russia and Britain for Bucharest to carry out the agreement pertaining to Rumania.
- (2) Transmission of advice to Bulgaria by the Soviet Government on the proposed Cabinet changes.
- (3) Dispatch of orders to American and Russian commanders in Korea to set up their joint commission in conformity with the three-power decisions.
- (4) Transmission of official documents on the atomic agreement to the United Nations Organisation.

The three-man commission on Rumania consists of the Russian Deputy Foreign Minister, Andrei J. Vishinsky, the British Ambassador to Russia, Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, and the United States Ambassador to Russia, W. Averell Harriman.

The commission is authorised to consult with King Mihail on the broadening of the present Rumanian government and holding free elections.

Bulgaria was advised by Russia to include in the Fatherland Front Cabinet two members of parties not represented now. If this is done it was said here that recognition by the United States and Britain will be forthcoming shortly.

Informed quarters said that the only agreement on which action was delayed was the accord for drafting the European peace treaties pending France's adherence to the agreement.—Associated Press.

He told reporters that under the plan Government Information specialists would staff American Embassies and Consular Offices in at least 60 foreign countries. He said a nine-point platform would combine major activities of the Office of War Information and the Office of Inter-American Affairs.

He said the new office will be known as the International Information Office on Cultural Affairs which will be charged with giving foreign peoples "a full and fair picture of American life and the aims of the policies of the United States Government."

Benton further said that 850 employees will be connected with short-wave broadcasting activities. Four hundred will be in the United States Public Affairs Officers' Service with an American mission abroad and 500 will be assigned to special information work in Germany, Austria and Japan.

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READERS' CHOICE

Tokyo, Dec. 30. Newspaper readers' preferences will decide future terms of newspaper in the country, according to the Publishers' Allotment Committee to-day. Readers will be polled through the press and radio and future allotments will be based on their answers.—Associated Press.

Crime Wave In Japan

Tokyo, Dec. 30. The police to-day announced the arrest of three youths charged with at least 11 armed robberies during the past months. The trio, all in their early twenties, include a former member of the Kempeitai, a one-time naval cadet and a wartime factory worker. All said they were homeless and desperate.

When captured they were found to be in possession of an American pistol.

During yesterday the police arrested about 30 persons charged with a variety of crimes most of whom were 17 to 18 years old.—Associated Press.

Charges Against U.S. Occupation Officials

BERLIN, DEC. 30. RUSSEL A. NIXON, DEPUTY-DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION INVESTIGATING CARTELS AND EXTERNAL ASSETS FOR THE AMERICAN MILITARY GOVERNMENT, TO-DAY ASSERTED THAT MILITARY AUTHORITIES IN THE AMERICAN ZONE WERE "FAMPHERING GERMAN INDUSTRIALISTS."

NIXON DECLARED IN AN INTERVIEW THAT GERMAN INDUSTRIALISTS WERE NOT BEING DESTROYED AND INDUSTRIALISTS NOT BEING ARRESTED AS HE BELIEVED THEY SHOULD UNDER THE DIRECTIVE OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

He also declared that "pressure" had forced his division to release from jail a number of leaders of the G. Farben Industrie after they had been interrogated.

Lieut.-General Lucian D. Clay, deputy Military Governor of Germany said: "I found about the release of these Farben leaders only the other day. If any pressure was brought for their release it certainly did not come from this office. We still have ten in custody."

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America Debating Pros And Cons

WASHINGTON, DEC. 30. ARGUMENTS FOR AND AGAINST THE PROPOSED LOAN TO BRITAIN HAVE BEEN TAKING FROM PENDING RECONVENING OF CONGRESS EARLY IN JANUARY. MEANTIME PREPARATIONS WENT FORWARD FOR PRESIDENT TRUMAN TO SEND A MESSAGE TO CONGRESS SOON, ASKING FOR APPROVAL OF A \$3,750,000,000 LOAN. THE TENTATIVE AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY THE TWO GOVERNMENTS CALL FOR TOTAL CREDITS OF \$4,400,000,000.

Following are the questions being asked by Americans most often about the proposal. The answers are based on official statements by American and British officials—or on information supplied by them:

Q—Why do the British need a loan?

A—The British exist by exporting and importing. Their money resources were seriously depleted during the war and their trade was cut by 70 per cent. They said they needed financial help to restore it to a profitable point.

Q—How much do they need?

A—Originally they asked for up to \$6,000,000,000 as a gift. The final agreement is for a loan of \$3,750,000,000 at 2 per cent interest and it must be repaid in 55 years.

LEND-LEASE Q—Is that all they are getting?

A—No. They are also receiving on the same terms a credit of about \$650,000,000. This enables Britain to pay in 55 years for recently shipped lend-lease goods and goods delivered after lend-lease ended, and for quantities of American surplus goods they want to buy. It also pays the U.S. for our share of installations in Britain, and balances certain wartime claims the two governments held against each other. This \$650,000,000 credit does not require approval of congress.

Q—Would this agreement settle Britain's lend-lease account with the United States?

A—Yes. But the late President Roosevelt and President Truman have stated that the United States would not seek Dollar-for-Dollar repayment for the war goods we supplied them to help smash the Axis. About \$29,000,000,000 worth of Lend-Lease was supplied Britain while she returned \$4,320,000,000 in reverse lend-lease.

Q—Why should the U.S. Lend Britain \$3,750,000,000?

A—American officials say Britain has her back to the wall economically, and only with the loan can she cooperate with the U.S. in organizing a greater and more free world trade. They say the loan is necessary to avoid dividing the world into economic blocs which Secretary of State Byrnes said might lead to war.

WAR DEBT Q—What are some chief arguments against the loan?

A—Opponents are saying that Britain still owes us a big debt from the first world war so why should we lend her any more? It is contended that Britain will never repay this loan, that America should get more concessions than mere promises to cooperate economically. Critics of British imperialism are using the loan issue to assail British Colonial Policy, and critics of the Labour Government are arguing that a loan would support socialism over there.

Q—What happens if Britain does not get the money?

A—Lord Keynes, Britain's foremost economist, argued that Britain would not have enough dollars to buy heavily in the United States and would be forced to channel her trade to the British Empire in order to survive.—Associated Press.

ANSWER: Bid three spades. Your partner's rebid indicates a hand with not a great deal more than opening-bid strength, so you cannot safely bid game. Three spades should be fairly safe if your partner has only a minimum opening bid, and you thereby give him a chance to bid game if he has slight excess values.

Score 100 per cent for three spades, 50 per cent for four spades, 40 per cent for pass.

QUESTION To-day you are David Bruce Burnstone's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

S. J 10 8 7 5
H. K 6
D. K 4
C. A 10 2

The bidding: Burnstone Jacoby You Schenken
1D. Pass 1S. Pass
2S. Pass (P)

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BRIDGE NOTES

To-day brings our regular Bridge Detective problem:

North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

S. A Q 5
H. K 6 4
D. K J 10 9
C. A 6

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D. 7 8
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The bidding:
North East South West
1D. DM. 1S. 2H.
2S. 3S. Pass
4S. DM. Pass Pass

West opened the Queen of hearts, holding the trick. He continued the suit, and South ruffed. Declarer then led a low trump to dummy's Ace and returned a diamond. East took the Ace of diamonds and ruffed the King of clubs, whereupon dummy took the club Ace and ran the diamonds. East could ruff the fourth diamond if he liked, but South was able to discard his losing club at the same time. South also discarded his last only a spade, a heart, and a diamond—fulfilling his contract.

Perhaps you didn't notice it, but a deadly deal has been done. Look for the crime and the criminal before you read the next paragraph.

West was the criminal, and his crime occurred at the second trick! West should have realized that shift to clubs was vital. The solidity of dummy's diamonds made it imperative to set up tricks in the side suits so that they could be taken "on the run." There was no need to worry about further heart tricks since if South had another heart, East could cash the heart Ace whenever he chose. But there was need to worry about the clubs since no club trick could be won by the defence until after dummy's Ace had been knocked out. A shift to clubs by West at the second trick would have made it possible for the defence to defeat the contract by taking a trick in each suit.

Yesterday you were Marvin Mair's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you hold:

S. K J 9 7 8
H. 8 5 2
D. 10 4
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1D. Pass 1S. Pass
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BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG

NOTICE

Central Executive Branch
Telecommunications & Electrical Section.

Attention is directed to the following provisions of the Telecommunications Ordinance.

"No person shall, in any place in the Colony or on board any British ship registered in the Colony—establish, maintain, work or use a radio communication station; or offer for sale, sell or have in his possession, whether with a view to sale or otherwise, any apparatus or material for radio communication, except under and in accordance with a licence, sole permit or letter of exemption granted under this Ordinance.

"Radio communication station" includes every apparatus or collection of apparatus which can be used for radio communication or radio distribution, whether for transmitting or receiving or for transmitting and receiving, and whether such apparatus or collection of apparatus be complete or not.

The provisions of this Part shall not apply to officers or men of His Majesty's Army, Royal Navy or Royal Air Force using wireless apparatus in the performance of their official duties or to apparatus so used.

Licences may be obtained on application from the Government Radio Office, G.P.O. Building, 1st Floor, as from 2nd January, 1946.

These include:

Broadcast Licence, \$12.00 per annum.
Dealer's Licence, \$50.00 per annum.
Receiving & Publishing Licence, \$600.00 per annum.

R. P. MORRIS,
Lt. Col.
S.O.I. C.A. (I. & E.)

CHINESE TEAM SWAMPS NAVY

A SCINTILLATING DISPLAY BY THE FORWARDS EARNED FOR THE COMBINED CHINESE A CONVINCING VICTORY OVER THE ROYAL NAVY BY FOUR CLEAR GOALS IN THE FOOTBALL MATCH AT THE SOOKUN-POO GROUND YESTERDAY.

The Chinese thoroughly deserved to carry off the trophy donated by Mr. M. K. Lo, C.B.E., who personally presented the cup to the winners after the game. The gate receipts, amounting \$4,090, were in aid of the C-in-C's Distress Fund and the China Relief Fund.

A large and distinguished gathering was present including Admiral Sir Cecil Harcourt, Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser, Maj. Gen. F. W. Festing, C.O.C. (Commodore) Everett, Col. Welch, Lt. Col. Smith-Piggott, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. M. W. Lo and many others.

Strengthened by the inclusion of Fung King-cheung, Chow Man-chi and Wong King-chung, the Chinese gave a sparkling display and delighted the large crowd with a fine exhibition of soccer. Unlike in their previous appearances, the Chinese played a more open game and found it most profitable.

FAULTESS LINE
In Chow Man-chi and Lai Shun-wing they found two of the cleverest inside men. The Chow-Fung combination on the right was especially a delight to watch and with Lee Tak-kee supplying the necessary dash at centre-forward.

BRITISH MILITARY ADMINISTRATION, HONG KONG

Medical Branch.
NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that all burials in the Public Cemetery at Saiwan Cheung Chau (L.N.S. 1) dating from 1925 onwards, will be examined by the C.A.A. Medical Branch commencing 1st June, 1946. The remains so examined will be re-buried in an urn cemetery in Cheung Chau Island.

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Tippling for the events would be a risky business, says the "China Mail" racing correspondent, but the following ponies may be regarded as the fittest among those going to the post:

1st Race: Golden Emperor, Starburst.
2nd Race: Prince, Admin Hope, Bluebird.
3rd Race: Jack Jones, Autumn Rose, Resalidar.
4th Race: To Jo, Jeanie, Mongolian Fox.
5th Race: Nigger, Jupiter, Tony.

COLLEGIATE FOOTBALL

Montgomery, Alabama, Dec. 30. The northern collegiate all-stars upset a favoured hand-picked southern team 26 to 0 in the annual North-South football game here by taking advantage of southern fumbling in the second and third periods.

Bob Kennedy, former Washington State college fullback star, Carmona Falcone, of Pennsylvania, and Bill Swilack, formerly of Holy Cross, sparked the North's offense. The North scored twice on short passes after recovering fumbles deep in southern territory.—Associated Press.

KEEN TUSSLE AT RECREIO

(By "ONLOOKER")

The two football League matches were "white heat battles" and provided plenty of excitement for the big and rowdy crowd of football moguls who were present yesterday at King's Park.

Close-quarter fighting featured the "Playboy" Basballers-Madcaps till the very end. The score was 2-2 when the Basballers came up for their turn at the end of the last stanza. They garnered one tally as Rene Sequiera's powerful double sent "Capone" Rumlahn and Leo Tavares romping home for the lead. The Madcaps opened up the final half of the game with Avichi Yvanovich going safely to 1st on a beauty of a dump; he stole 2nd and advanced to 3rd on a sacrifice bunt by F. Soares. Claude Hollands pushed Avichi home with another safe bunt for the equaliser. Madcaps errors then assisted in having all the boys loaded but the second Basballer was put out at home. With the bases filled again, and two away Stan Leonard hit and slashed out a clean bingle to bring in "Leno" Gosano for the winning run. And the final score was 3-2.

In the more manly limelight Madcaps grabbed more of the honours. Robbie Rocha led the way by clouting one terrific four-bagger and close behind was Eddie Remedios who slugged a sizzling double as so did Basballer George White. Arturo Ozorio and Stan Leonard of the Basballers turned in a superb battling display. Claude Hollands pitched steady ball to limit Basballer hits to a scattered few. Leo Tavares, Macao champion pitcher, was on the mound for Basballers. This fracas will go down as a "heart-breaker" for the Madcaps. Their recovery was a grand effort in vain! Better luck next time.

In the second match, Chung Hwa proved no match for Way Foon, Portuguese Association, and were beaten 17-9. Outstanding for the winners were Bertie Gosano (Capt.) and M. Xavier whilst Dick Chung, Wally Ching and "Huck-jai" Kitchell shone for the losers.

Scores:—
H.K. Basball Club:—
R 0 0 2 0 0 1—3 runs
H 1 1 2 0 0 0—4 hits
Madcaps:—
R 0 1 0 0 1 0—2 runs
H 1 1 0 0 1 0—3 hits
Way Foon P.A.:—
R 5 5 2 1 0 1—17 runs
H 5 8 0 0 1 1—12 hits

RACE MEETING HANDICAPS

Following are the handicaps announced for the Military Race Meeting at Happy Valley to-morrow.

1. 2.00 p.m. "THE IMPHAL CUP" 4 furlongs. Catch weights, distance handicap. Winner—\$100 2nd—\$50 3rd—\$25.

No.	PONY	HANDICAP (in yards)	RIDER
1.	Billy	80	L. Opl. PEDDER
2.	Golden	30	L. Opl. FORD
3.	Emperor	30	Fus. EYANNA
4.	Diamond King	20	Pto. WILLIAMS
5.	Starburst	20	Rto. JAMES
6.	Mayfair	00	Ltut. GWYTHYR
7.	Moose	0	Opl. STEED

2. 2.40 p.m. "THE BENGHASI HANDICAP" 4 furlongs. Catch weights, distance handicap. Winner—\$100 2nd—\$50 3rd—\$25.

No.	PONY	HANDICAP (in yards)	RIDER
1.	Prince	70	Opl. PAYNE
2.	Blue Peter	0	TAM. NISBETT
3.	Starlight	70	Ltut. GROSE
4.	Bobbie Shatto	60	Pto. TAYLOR
5.	Admin Hope	0	L. Opl. EGDE
6.	Jackie	80	LAC. POWELL
7.	Bluebird	00	LAC. DOBERRY
8.	Tom	0	Opl. FEROVAL-PRICE

3. 3.20 p.m. "THE DERNA DERBY" 6 furlongs. Catch weights, distance handicap. Winner—\$100 2nd—\$50 3rd—\$25.

No.	PONY	HANDICAP (in yards)	RIDER
1.	Tony	70	Pto. HUNTER
2.	Boxer	0	Opl. PAYNE
3.	Jack Jones	30	Pto. GODINHAM
4.	Baci	30	Lt. Col. GIBSON
5.	Autumn Rose	00	LAC. GAY
6.	Resalidar	40	Lt. Comdr. HOWES

4. 4.00 p.m. "THE HONG KONG DOLLARS" 8 furlongs, for Mongolian ponies. Catch weights, distance handicap.

No.	PONY	HANDICAP (in yards)	RIDER
1.	To Jo	60	Pto. FLEMING
2.	Happy	30	Fus. MCULLIN
3.	Gypsy	20	Lt. GROSE
4.	Donat	10	Pto. MUIR
5.	Willy	10	Pto. BRENNAN
6.	Jack	30	L. Opl. EDGE
7.	Dusty	20	LAC. GAY
8.	Jeanie	30	Bagler. LARKIN
9.	Mongolian Fox	30	LAC. TOWELL

5. 4.40 p.m. "THE RANGOON PLATE" 4 furlongs. Catch weights, distance handicap.

No.	PONY	HANDICAP (in yards)	RIDER
1.	Nigger	30	Pto. VALENTINE
2.	Bely	30	Pto. SALISBURY
3.	Belen	0	Ltut. GROSE
4.	Jupiter	30	Rto. HUBBARD
5.	Doreen	20	Opl. PEDDER
6.	Lady Jane	0	Opl. FORD
7.	Tony	0	Egt. THOM

N.B.—Programmes at \$1 each & Member Stand Admission Tickets \$8 (Including Tax) can be obtained from Kwok Hin Wang's Office, 5, Des Voeux Road, Central, or at the Course.

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Riot Aboard American Vessel

Portsmouth, England, Dec. 30. A riot broke out on board the American ship "Anna Dickinson" on Friday night and the aid of a strong detachment of harbour police was required to break up a knife fight between the white and Chinese members of the crew. An S.O.S. was directed to the Naval authorities and brought the harbour police swarming over the side of the ship on rope ladders under threatening knives and axes brandished by white and Chinese seamen.

The ship of 7,240 tons displacement and registered under the War Shipping Administration, had anchored in the Solent on Friday night after a heavy battering by gales.

Fighting broke out after the ship had dropped anchor. Though unarmed police restored order within an hour, shortly afterwards an American detachment of military police arrived from Southampton. The Portsmouth authorities, who arrested three merchant seamen, left the Americans in charge of the vessel.

Police officers conferred with the American authorities on board the vessel on Saturday afternoon concerning disciplinary action. Associated Press.

Hurley's Charges Thrown Back At Him

WASHINGTON, DEC. 30. THE MONTH-OLD CHARGES OF MAJOR-GENERAL PATRICK HURLEY, FORMER U.S. AMBASSADOR TO CHINA, AGAINST AMERICAN DIPLOMATS, WERE BROUGHT UP AND OFFICIALLY DENIED AGAIN BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN ON A NETWORK RADIO PROGRAMME ABOUT THE UNITED STATES FOREIGN SERVICE.

I.L.P. CALL FOR CLEAN BREAK

LONDON, DEC. 30. THE WEEKLY JOURNAL "NEW LEADER" ORGAN OF THE SMALL LEFT WING INDEPENDENT LABOUR PARTY, TODAY CALLS FOR A "CLEAN BREAK" WITH THE PAST MOVES TOWARDS FREEDOM FOR INDIA, ADDING THAT "THE PRISON DOORS MUST BE OPENED."

"Indian troops must be sent back from Indonesia," the journal says. "The administration must be cleared of imperialists. Proven friends of India should be sent there immediately to prepare with representatives of Congress and other Indian parties for the transfer of India to independence."

"No minority party in India should be allowed to sabotage this recognition of India's right to freedom. As evidence of Britain's sincerity, withdrawal of the British army of occupation should begin at once."

Withdrawal of the British forces from Indonesia is also demanded.—Reuter.

Five Children Perish

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 30. Five children, alone in a seven-room cottage, perished in a fire to-day, raising to 30 the combined death toll exacted in Connecticut by major fires during holiday week.

Two of the victims were children who apparently gave the first fire alarm by telephone before they were caught in the flames. Fire officials reported that the initial alarm came by telephone from a small boy. Then a girl's voice broke in, probably because the boy was having difficulty pronouncing the name of the street. She shouted: "You can't get in! The house is locked!"

Officials said the children, ranging from one to nine years, had been left alone while the parents operated a gasoline station.—Associated Press.

JAPS TO WORK IN HAWAII

Los Angeles, Dec. 30. Assigned to labour battalions in the Hawaiian Islands a party of 1,420 Japanese sailed yesterday aboard the Dutch transport "Witteveen".

The party includes soldiers, sailors and civilians most of whom were captured in Salipan.

A second group of 1,402 will leave on Jan. 7 and a third group of 450 will leave on Jan. 10 or 11.—Associated Press.

GENERAL TRUSCOTT'S THIRD AMERICAN ARMY HEADQUARTERS ANNOUNCED SATURDAY THE SEIZURE OF THE ORIGINAL MARRIAGE CONTRACT BETWEEN ADOLF HITLER AND EVA BRAUN AND THE ORIGINAL HITLER POLITICAL TESTAMENT.

The documents are reported to have been seized coincidentally with the arrest by British counter-intelligence officers of an officer who served as adjutant to Martin Bormann.

With the marriage contract and Hitler's testament, Third Army intelligence officers also seized a letter of transmittal intended to accompany two testaments from Bormann to Admiral Doenitz, one of 22 defendants in the Nuernberg trial.

The documents were found in a suitcase hidden by Eva Braun's sister-in-law at the village of Tegernsee.

Hitler's political testament, which, apparently with the marriage contract, was among the last documents he signed, was witnessed by Goebbels, Bormann, Hans Knebs and Wilhelm Bergdorf.

The marriage contract was witnessed by Bormann and Goebbels, and private testaments also found bore the signatures of Bormann, Goebbels and Nicolaus von Gersdorff.

With the documents, American agents found three photos, two of which are believed to be of Eva Braun and the other of an unidentified boy about 12 years old. The agents also found a travel pass dated May 16, 1945, issued to Bormann's adjutant, Frederick Wilhelm Paustian, by the burgo-master of Teinbeck. Paustian's suitcase was seized by American agents on a tip from the British counter-intelligence officers.

The announcement gave no details of the arrest of Paustian by the British, other than that he was captured at his home at Vilshofen.

BORMANN'S NOTE

In a note transmitting the testaments to Doenitz, who attempted to become leader of all Germans when the Hitler regime collapsed, Bormann had scrawled hastily with a pen: "Since all divisions have failed, our situation seems to be beyond hope. The Fuehrer dictated the attached testament last night at Vilshofen."

In what he described as "my private will," Hitler expressed a desire that he and Eva Braun, who caused the opportunity to marry and die with the Fuehrer, both be cremated "immediately, at the place where I have done the greatest part of my work during 12 years of service to my people."

He presumably referred to the Reich Chancellery, where it is believed he spent his last hours.

"Myself and my wife choose death to escape the disgrace of being forced to resign or to surrender," Hitler's private will said.

NOT RESPONSIBLE

Passages released to the public from Hitler's political statement show that at the end, Hitler tried to shoulder the blame for the war on "England and International Jewry."

Hitler wrote: "It is not true that I or anybody else in Germany wanted war in 1939. It was decided and provoked entirely by those international statesmen who were either of Jewish origin or who worked in Jewish interests."

"I have made too many offers for the reduction and limitation of armaments which for all eternity explain away for all eternity. Therefore, the reasons for the outbreak of this war cannot rest on me. Furthermore, I never desired that after the first terrible World War a second war should arise against England or even America."

Hitler said that the hatred against the German people would eventually disappear and the world would judge him solely responsible.

As late as three days before the outbreak of war between Germany and Poland, he proposed a solution of the problem to the British Ambassador in Berlin—a diplomatic under international control as in the Saar.

REAL GUILTY

Hitler wrote: "This offer cannot be explained away. It was rejected only because responsible circles in English politics wanted war, partly because of expected business and partly driven on by propaganda from international Jewry. But I left no doubt about the fact that the real culprit in this murderous struggle, Jewry, would also have to pay for it if the peoples of Europe should again be treated as so many bundles of straw by international money conspirators."

"I also left no doubt that it would not be tolerated this time that millions of European children of Aryan peoples should starve to death, that millions of men should die and that hundreds of thousands of women and children should be burned and bombed to death in their cities without the real culprit suffering his just punishment even though by more humane methods."

Hitler also wrote in his political statement that the first World War was "forced upon the Reich" and that he was in that war, "I employed my modest power as a volunteer in 1914."

"HONOURABLE MEN"

The marriage contract with Eva Braun, with whom Hitler said he had enjoyed "many years of true friendship," showed that she was born in Munich on February 6, 1910.

Even while he and Eva contemplated death in preference to the "disgrace" of "resigning or surrendering," Hitler evidently refused to believe that the German cause was lost, although the Russians were hammering at the gates of Berlin.

He drew up another Cabinet in his political statement and named the following as a Cabinet of "honourable men who would continue the war with all means": Reich President and Minister and Commander-in-Chief of the Navy, Admiral Karl Doenitz; Reich Chancellor Dr. Joseph Goebbels; Nazi Party Chief, Martin Bormann, and Foreign Minister, Arthur Seydewitz.—Reuter.

THOMAS WILL WAIT

Washington, Dec. 30. Chairman Elbert Thomas of the Senate Military Affairs Committee said to-day that his group will wait to see what the House does with President Truman's request for universal military training before taking it up.—Associated Press.

WANTS CLARIFICATION

Paris, Dec. 30. A French Foreign Office spokesman said to-day that the Big Three will be asked for clarification of certain points of the Moscow communiqué before any announcement before any announcement before any announcement.

He said that France is frankly dissatisfied at being left out of the drafting of peace in the Balkans and arrangements with regard to the Far Eastern Commission.—Associated Press.

A Dim View

Philadelphia, Dec. 30. That the United Nations Organisation is a "rhetorical illusion" was the opinion expressed by Professor Leslie A. White, of the Department of Anthropology in Michigan University.

He told the American Anthropological Association that the Anglo-American Coalition and the Soviet Union, the only two big powers to-day in the world, are "on speaking terms but that's all about it."

HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, Dec. 29. Following are the results of football matches played to-day:

LEAGUE NORTH

Barnsley 1, Bury 3; Bolton 1, Blackpool 1; Burnley 3, Newcastle 2; Chesterfield 4, Blackburn 0; Everton 2, Liverpool 2; Huddersfield 1, Leeds 0; Stoke 0; Manchester United 4, Middlesbrough 1; Preston 1, Grimsby 2; Sheffield Wednesday 1, Manchester City 1; Sunderland 1, Sheffield United 2.

LEAGUE SOUTH

Arsenal 3, Wolves 2; Aston Villa 2, West Ham 2; Birmingham 2; Coventry 0; Charlton 2; Newport 0; Derby 3; Brentford 2; Fulham 3, Nottingham Forest 3; Leicester 4, Tottenham 0; Luton 1, West Bromwich 2; Plymouth 1, Portsmouth 3; Southampton 7, Chelsea 0; Swansea 5, Millwall 0.

LEAGUE III NORTH (EAST)

Bradford City 2, Carlisle 3; Lincoln 1, Darlington 3; York 1, Doncaster 2.

LEAGUE III NORTH (WEST)

Barrow 0, Accrington 4; Oldham 2, Chester 3; Rochdale 3, Crewe 2; Stockport 2; Tranmere 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE A

Celtic 3, Hearts 5; Falkirk 0, Rangers 3; Hibernian 3, Clyde 2; Kilmarnock 0, Hamilton 2; Motherwell 1, Aberdeen 3; Partick 1, Queen's Park 3; St. Mirren 4, Queen of South 1; Third Lanark 2, Morton 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE B

Airdrie 1, East Fife 0; Arbroath 1, Alloa 2; Ayr 2, Dundee 1; Dundee United 0, Cowdenhoath 2; Dunfermline 1, Dumbarton 1; Raith Rovers 4, St. Johnstone 5; Stenhousemuir 0, Albion Rovers 1. (Results incomplete owing to poor reception).—Reuter.

London, Dec. 30. The following were the results of Rugby Union matches played yesterday:

Edinburgh Acad. Wanderers 14, Glasgow High School 8; Hawick 28, Glasgow Univ. 3; Heriots 27, Musselburgh 3; Weston-super-Mare 6, Bourne-mouth 8.—Reuter.

Ulithi Returning To Oblivion

PEARL HARBOR, DEC. 30. ULITHI ATOLL, 850 MILES SOUTHWEST OF GUAM, WHICH WAS BUILT INTO A TREMENDOUS SECRET REPAIR AND SUPPLY BASE BY THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET, IS RETURNING TO THE OBLIVION FROM WHICH THE PACIFIC WAR DREW IT.

The Navy has announced that the atoll Command was decommissioned three days ago. Only a weather observation station is left.

Development of the Ulithi base in 1944 and 1945 was the answer to the Japanese question, How was the United States fleet able to operate so effectively over tremendously long supply lines? The development of facilities at Guam and the Philippines ended the Pacific key role of Ulithi.

But the atoll had its months of unheralded glory before it slipped again into insignificance. It was from Ulithi that the main striking forces set out for such important invasions as Iwo Jima and Okinawa. Even its occupation by American forces in 1944 was not announced until many months afterwards.

Its sheltered lagoon offered an anchorage that stretched for miles after miles of coral barriers. Before the launching of a major naval operation, ships stretched out toward the horizon as far as the eye could see.

There were seemingly endless rows of battleships, carriers, cruisers and other ships lined up in what were probably the greatest naval concentrations the world has ever seen.

But through it all, Ulithi was a base almost unknown to the public. American servicemen reported how their letters home, lifted, brought replies from their families that they never had heard of the place.

Now it sinks again into oblivion, abandoned once more to the waves and winds of the Pacific.—Associated Press.

PARATROOPERS MAKE SWOOP NEAR TEL-AVIV

RAMAT GAN, PALESTINE, DEC. 30. THIS LITTLE COMMUNITY, TWO MILES NORTHEAST OF TEL AVIV WAS TURNED INTO AN ARMED CAMP YESTERDAY, SATURDAY, AS PALESTINE POLICE AND BRITISH TROOPS SEARCHED EVERY BUILDING AND HOME IN A SIX-HOUR OPERATION CARRIED OUT IN RESPONSE TO REPORTS OF SOME OF THOSE WHO ATTACKED POLICE AND MILITARY INSTALLATIONS, TWO NIGHTS AGO.

Every male inhabitant between the ages of 16 and 40 was taken from his home and detained temporarily in a barbed wire enclosure in an open field while officials checked identity cards.

The operation began before dawn when hundreds of heavily armed troops swung a cordon around the community.

The Superintendent of Police estimated yesterday afternoon that 800 male inhabitants already had been detained and that the total male inhabitants probably would reach 1,200.

There were no untoward incidents. The Superintendent of Police explained that this community had been selected for this search because the authorities "had reason to believe that terrorists who attacked a British camp in the north end of Tel Aviv two nights ago might have come here."

A number of "suspicious persons" were detained for further investigation but an overwhelming majority of those detained were allowed to return home after interrogation.

It was impossible to turn to any corner in the town without seeing groups of heavily armed paratroopers on guard. Roadblocks were thrown up all roads leading into this community, and mobile artillery vehicles stood by.

No-one except Government, Military or Police personnel was allowed to enter or leave the town during the search. A motion picture theatre on the outskirts of the town was taken over for brigade headquarters and army ambulances and cars loaded with medical personnel lined highways in readiness in the event of an emergency.

38 DETAINED

Ramat Gan, Palestine, Dec. 30. British 6th Airborne Division troops and R.A.F. planes to-day isolated this little community while police and military authorities sought the persons responsible for the explosions and shootings in nearby Tel Aviv on Thursday night.

Thirty-eight persons were detained for questioning after all the male inhabitants between the

Filipinos Warned To Be Thoughtful

Chicago, Dec. 30. Resident Commissioner in Washington, warned his country against "violent political dissensions" lest they cause the United States to withhold material assistance to the islands which it hopes to obtain.

In a speech prepared for delivery before the National Council of Chicago commemorating the anniversary of the death of Jose Rizal, the Filipino hero, he said yesterday:

"Now more than ever before we must achieve national unity that will impress the world. We are on the verge of a highly important election campaign."

"The American people are desirous of extending to the Philippines the economic assistance which it is morally entitled; but these people and officials cannot help being disquieted by reports of bitter dissension in our country. They feel, and quite rightly, that if dissension in our country goes beyond the bounds of ordinary political disagreement, the material assistance which America is prepared to extend may be dissipated and wasted away."

He said that American Congressional leaders have assured him that "the basic programme of American help to the Philippines will soon materialize."

He said that he was frequently astonished at the detailed information which American Government officials had in their possession, and warned that such bitter political dissensions in the United States.—Associated Press.

Dutch Agree To Negotiate

Amsterdam, Dec. 30. Amsterdam newspapers said yesterday that the Dutch government has decided to negotiate with the Indonesian Premier Doctor Sjahrir.

The report, unconfirmed in the Hague, was carried by both the "Amsterdamsche Dagblad" and "Het Parool."

The papers said the Minister of the Overseas Territories, J. A. Logemann and Lieut-Governor General of the East Indies, Doctor H. J. van Mook, would leave shortly for Batavia to negotiate with Sjahrir.—Associated Press.

London, Dec. 30. The New Zealand Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, arrived here from Washington to-day. He will attend the first meeting of the General Assembly of the United Nations Organisation here.—Reuter.

Moscow Prepares For Santa Claus

MOSCOW, DEC. 30. THE SOVIET-UNION'S MID-WINTER CELEBRATIONS, A SORT OF COMBINED CHRISTMAS AND NEW-YEAR, WILL BE THE GREATEST HERE SINCE 1940-41.

Despite the extreme cold this morning, scores of workmen were hammering away, building a fairy village in the heart of Moscow. The centre of the gay village is a great green tree sixty feet tall.

Around the tree are located a number of little gaily painted houses from which will be sold special holiday foods, drinks and toys. The tree is decorated with balloons and other gadgets. The Russians do not celebrate

December 25th as Christmas. The big holidays are the night of December 31 and the day of January 1.

Practically every house in Russia already has its tree. The children are given toys on the night of December 31 or the morning of New Year's Day much in the same way as children in Denmark receive them on Christmas eve.

There are gifts for everyone and the grown people too exchange gifts on this day.

SOVIET'S SANTA CLAUS

The Russians have a Santa Claus too but they call him Grandfather Frost. In many countries of the world Santa Claus is dressed in red but in Red Russia Grandfather Frost is dressed in white as an old gentleman with a white beard, fur-lined jacket and he even carries a sack from which he produces gifts for the children.

He will show up at many a Party on New Year's eve, New Year's Day, almost every Russian in the Soviet Union will take part in some kind of a party on New Year's eve.

The parties are about like what they are at any other place in the world except for the gift giving and the fact that vodka is the drink of the occasion.—Associated Press.

Big Three To Meet Again

Washington, Dec. 30. Secretary of State Byrnes who to-day reached Washington by plane from Moscow announced that the "Big Three" foreign ministers had agreed to hold the next meeting of foreign ministers in Washington, but the date had not been set.

Under the Yalta agreement such a meeting is supposed to be held quarterly. The date is likely to be around March 16.—Associated Press.

Washington, via New York, and to Chicago, via Montreal.—Associated Press.

Air Lines Pact

Washington, Dec. 30. The United States and France have agreed to the operation of airlines between the two countries on four routes.

Under the temporary plan announced by the State Department, United States airlines may fly in the North Atlantic through France via Paris and beyond to the Middle East and to Marseilles via Lisbon and Barcelona.

The two French routes are to

BRITISH ACTION IN BATAVIA

BATAVIA, DEC. 30. BRITISH TROOPS TO-DAY TIGHTENED THE CONTROL OF STRIP-TORN JAVA BY TAKING OVER THE TELEPHONE EXCHANGE AND POLICE STATIONS IN THE CAPITAL CITY OF BATAVIA.

Some weapons were found by paratroopers who marched into one of the police buildings but no resistance was encountered.

Simultaneously the British announced the disbandment of the Indonesian police force in Batavia and its replacement by a composite force of British-Indonesian personnel. Under the new plans British-Indian military police will patrol the Batavian districts of mixed nationalities while Indonesian will patrol native quarters.—Associated Press.

RADIO

MONDAY, DECEMBER 31st 1945. SPECIAL 50TH BIRTHDAY PROGRAMME COMPILED BY ANGUS MCNICOL MCB.

2.30 HONGKONG broadcasting on a frequency of 640 Kilocycles and from 12.30 to 1.30 p.m., 5.30 to 7.30 p.m. Magazines.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.35 p.m.—Harry Roy's Orchestra and Tiger Ragamuffins.

1.00 p.m.—News & announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Hootchy Kootchy.

1.30 p.m.—Mozart—Concerto in D Major, ("Coronation").

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.

2.30 p.m.—Popular Ballads.

2.50 p.m.—Mark Wober and His Orchestra.

3.00 p.m.—A Schubert Programme.

3.30 p.m.—Lily Pons (Soprano) and the New Light Symphony Orchestra.

4.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

4.15 p.m.—Moreton and Kaye on Two Flutes.

4.30 p.m.—Studio—A Special Scottish Programme, composed by Angus McNicol MCB.

5.00 p.m.—Light Robbery Selections.

5.35 p.m.—Songs by English Tenors.

6.00 p.m.—"The 1st Spect Before Us"—Sadler's all Orchestras.

6.00 p.m.—London Relay—News.

6.05 p.m.—"Forlives Music Hall"—KINRA.

6.35 p.m.—A Dance Programme.

7.00 p.m.—Carli il Gibbons (Piano) & Sam Costa (Vocal).

7.15 p.m.—Short Variety Programme.

7.30 p.m.—Close Down.

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